



Virginia Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Grant Guidance

Grant Guidance for Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS purchase)

An agency wishing to purchase UAS with grant money agrees to the following:

1. Will develop a comprehensive departmental (or multi-department) program that will include policies and procedures that address operational deployment, training, UAS remote pilot proficiency, maintenance, airworthiness, data storage and documentation. This program information must be available upon request.
2. All organizations receiving grants for purchase of UAS will apply for and receive a Blanket Public Agency Certificate of Authorization from the FAA.
3. All Remote Pilots in Command will be required to be certificated by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) under 14 CFR Part 107 and possess a Remote Pilot Airman Certificate.
4. The agency/organization will adhere to federal, state and local laws pertaining to UAS operations.
5. The agency/organization will acquire the necessary insurance for liability in case of accident involving the UAS.
6. The agency/organization will become familiar with and follow privacy laws.
7. The agency will adhere to local, state and federal laws/rules for public agencies apply to UAS data storage.
8. If UAS is used for law enforcement, all laws/requirements for criminal investigation, surveillance and data storage shall be followed.
9. UAS operators will be trained in ICS operations to ensure safe operation during emergency incidents.
10. Aircraft will be registered in accordance with all applicable federal aviation administration regulations (14 CFR Part 47 and 48) and provide registration information to Department of Emergency Management and Department of Aviation, along with aircraft type, payload capability(i.e. 4K video, camera 30x zoom, thermal/IR, etc.), and contact information.
11. Agency will provide, and maintain current, to Virginia Department of Emergency Management, a list of operators..